

Cohen Update of Black Hardings Ready

(Editor)

Larry Cohen has submitted a 2004 update of the Black Harding census that he is maintaining. The listing is incredible in its detail. What I received was a set of raw data, color-coded to all allow detailed tracking of the information. Unfortunately, the Bulletin is not produced in color!

Larry maintains records of who reports what, and when. But his record (in an EXCEL spreadsheet) is far more detailed than what we normally publish in the Bulletin (plus as already mentioned color is a problem in a B&W publication). So, I have taken some serious liberties with the information he sent to me.

Beginning (and maybe completed) next month I will publish Larry's listing of all reported patterns on the Black Hardings. Also to be published next month is the name of the individual to be awarded the medallion (see June's Bulletin) for adding the largest number of patterns to the listing. (Larry will disclose this name at the Convention – and, although I have been told the name. I will let the announcement be Larry's.)

Larry's workbook contains the numbers of issues reported by catalog number, who reported them, and during which census of these perfins. It includes information on a large number of new reports. Also included are comments at to changes needing to be noted from previous surveys like changed catalog numbers. He also (in addition to recording the perfins in #610 & #612 separately, reported copies known on cover and copies known as prepers. So, as

is readily evident, Larry has provided a vast amount of data.

Beginning next month you will see Larry's data in three separate tables. The first will reflect the patterns reported by issue and cover. The header of this table will appear as follows:

| | 610 | 612 | CVR |
|----|-----|-----|-----|
| A | | | |
| 18 | X | | |

A simple X will reflect presence on the issue (consistent with other published surveys - counts will not be given here). This will be far and away the largest table published.

Comments will be handled in a separate table as follows:

| | 610 | 612 | CVR | Notes |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| A40 | RD | | | |

And the listing of perfins in precancelled Black Hardings is separated (due small size) as follows:

| | 610 | 612 | CVR | Preper | Notes |
|------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--------|
| B103 | X | | | Portland, OR | (P 11) |

Printed stuff is reduced and the three tables contain a summary of Larry's information.

So, see you next month with a large amount of information about a specialized area of collecting.